

# GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

## ISO BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

### May 18, 2023

### Teleconference

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The ISO Board of Governors convened the general session meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members of the ISO Board of Governors were in attendance:

Mary Leslie, Chair  
Jan Schori, Vice Chair  
Severin Borenstein  
Joseph Eto  
Angelina Galiteva

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

Chair Leslie provided opening remarks and welcomed Governor Joseph Eto as the newly appointed member of the ISO Board of Governors. The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered at this time.

#### **DECISION ON THE GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**

Vice Chair Schori moved for approval of the ISO Board of Governors general session minutes for the March 23, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Governor Galiteva and approved 4-0, with Governor Eto abstaining.

#### **CEO REPORT**

Elliot Mainzer - President and CEO, provided updates on the following topics in his CEO report: Summer readiness efforts; extended day-ahead market tariff development process; approved day-ahead market enhancements; the resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements phase 2 initiative; the 2022-2023 Transmission Plan; interconnection process reforms; and Assembly Bill 538. Mr. Mainzer concluded his report by recognizing the successful onboarding of three new WEIM participants - Avangrid Renewables, El Paso Electric, and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Desert Southwest.

## WEIM GOVERNING BODY CHAIR REPORT

Robert Kondziolka – Chair of the WEIM Governing Body, provided highlights of the following topics discussed during the May 16, 2023, WEIM Governing Body general session meeting: ISO’s CEO report to the WEIM Governing Body; activity updates from the Chairs of the Body of State Regulators and the Regional Issues Forum; and an opinion briefing from the Governing Body market expert on the day-ahead market initiative. Chair Kondziolka concluded his update by also acknowledging the three new WEIM participants - Avangrid Renewables, El Paso Electric, and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Desert Southwest.

## DECISION ON ISO 2022-2023 TRANSMISSION PLAN

Roger Collanton, Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, noted the public comment letter received from Northern California Power Agency.

Jeff Billinton – Director, Transmission Infrastructure Planning, presented Management’s proposal on the 2022-2023 Transmission Plan starting with the focus of the plan. Mr. Billinton discussed the acceleration of new resource requirements to meet the state’s clean energy goals combined with the rapidly escalating load growth and resource needs associated with these climate change goals, which have led to increased capital costs.

Mr. Billinton noted that this year’s plan sets the foundation for a zonal approach for resource development to be able to address the rapidly escalating need for new resources. He then provided an overview of the studies and list of recommended reliability- and economic-driven projects. Next, Mr. Billinton highlighted the potential for additional recommendations for transmission projects later in the planning cycle and also noted the status of the interregional transmission projects that were submitted. Mr. Billinton concluded with an overview of stakeholder comments that were received on the plan and summarized Management’s recommendations for Board approval of the plan. Discussion ensued.

### Public Comment

The following provided comments on the proposal:

- Ed Smeloff on behalf of GridLab
- Cathleen Colbert on behalf of Vistra Corp
- Susan Schneider on behalf of Large-Scale Solar Association
- Mark Wyspianski on behalf of Pacific Gas & Electric
- Vishal Patel on behalf of Southern California Edison

### Motion:

#### Vice Chair Schori:

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors approves the ISO 2022-2023 transmission plan attached to the memorandum dated May 10, 2023.***

**The motion was seconded by Governor Eto and approved 5-0.**

## DECISION ON INTERCONNECTION PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS 2023 TRACK 1

Roger Collanton, Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, noted the public comment letter received from Northern California Power Agency.

Bob Emmert – Senior Manager, Interconnection Resources, presented Management's proposal for the interconnection process enhancements 2023 track 1 initiative. Mr. Emmert started with an overview of the initial tariff revisions needed for broader transformative changes, which will be addressed in the second track of this initiative. Mr. Emmert described the purpose of the interconnection process initiative and its correlation with the CPUC and CEC processes. Mr. Emmert concluded by highlighting the increased number of interconnection requests and the proposed track 1 process changes that are intended to help manage those requests. Discussion ensued.

### Public Comment

The following provided comments on the proposal:

- Ed Smeloff on behalf of GridLab
- Igor Grinberg on behalf of Pacific Gas & Electric

### Motion:

**Governor Galiteva:**

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors approves the proposed track 1 interconnection process enhancements, as described in the memorandum dated May 10, 2023; and***

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors authorizes Management to make all necessary and appropriate filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement the proposal, including any filings that implement the overarching initiative policy but contain discrete revisions to incorporate Commission guidance in any initial ruling on the proposed tariff amendment.***

**The motion was seconded by Governor Borenstein and approved 5-0.**

## BRIEFING ON SUMMER LOADS AND RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

Neil Millar – Vice President, Infrastructure and Operations Planning, provided a briefing on the 2023 Summer Loads and Resources Assessment. Mr. Millar first noted the growth in new resources and increased hydro availability, which are expected to help offset the slight increase in load forecasted by the CEC. Mr. Millar stated that the ISO balancing authority area anticipates achieving its reliability planning target and that the peak load analysis shows significant improvement in meeting operating reserves at peak compared to last summer.

Next, Amber Motely – Sr. Manager, Short-Term Forecasting, presented diagrams that showed the snow pack conditions and temperature forecasts from June – October 2023.

Mr. Millar concluded the briefing by noting the key observations of the assessment and noted that overall conditions have significantly improved as compared to last summer. Discussion ensued.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

### **DECISION ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

Roger Collanton – Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, introduced the topic and then the Board and Governor Eto discussed which Committee he would prefer to serve on for the next year. Mr. Eto requested to serve as a member of the Audit Committee.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

#### **Motion:**

#### **Governor Galiteva:**

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors elects Joe Eto, to serve as a member of the Audit Committee effective May 18, 2023 which will now consist of Joe Eto, Mary Leslie and Angelina Galiteva (Chair).***

**The motion was seconded by Governor Borenstein and approved 5-0.**

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

There were no comments on the informational reports.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

### **ADJOURNED**

There being no additional general session matters to discuss, the general session was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.